the scheme. The World Bank has opined that the Reconnaissance Report needs to be strengthened in the fields of environment, hydrology, tidal power generation, economic analysis and institutional and financial capabilities. It was also suggested some additional studies and a number of field surveys prior to commencing a full feasibility study.

Government of Gujarat have requested for World Bank assistance to finance the pre-feasibility studies of this project and project construction as a w ble considering this as a national project. The project is at a conceptual stage.

Water supply to Saurashtra and Kutch

3527. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 197 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 1991 and state:

(a) since when the project report prepared by the Government of Gujarat and submitted to the Planning Commission for carrying Narmada water through the bridge on Gulf of Cambay is pending for examination in the Planning Commission; and

(b) whether Government of Gujarat is likely to be permitted to construct bridge Road-cum-Pipe line Project on the basis of a pre-feasibility report submitted by Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd. on water supply to Saurashtra and Kutch region from their own funds and schemes sponsored by them?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The revised project proposal was received from Government of Gujarat in the Planning Commission in April, 1991. Comments of M/s Water and Power Consultancy Services Limited have been obtained on the revised proposal and the matter is under examination in the Planning Commission.

Seepage of water from unlined canals

3528. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantities of water are being lost through seepage from unlined canals and channels in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result thereof water logging is affecting large tracts of arable land;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result of water logging the menace of salinity is turning millions of acres into unproductive land;

(d) if so, what is the percentage of water that is wasted through seepage and what is the estimated quantity of water thus lost;

(e) whether Government are considering any plan to link all the canals and channels; and

(f) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d) In any Irrigation Water Conveyance System, seepage losses are inevitable. It is estimated that seepage losses are roughly 25 to 50 per cent of water diverted through canal network. However, part of the same is being recycled for irrigation through groundwater development.

Seepage is one of the reasons for waterlogging along with inadequate drainage system and improper water management. Similarly salinisation of land is also a result of many factors of which one may be water logging.

(e) and (f) There is no such proposal.

Conservation and management of water resources

3529. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representation for holding Nationwide debate on Conservation and proper management of water resources in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d) Several representations have been received for optimising the use of water and its scientific development through inter-basin linkages etc. Being aware of these suggestions, a number of meetings of Indian Water Resources Society have been organised in which the need to conserve water and ensure its proper management have been stressed. Further, two National Water Conventions have been held, where people from different discipliens discussed several aspects of water resources development and mangement. Another Convention is proposed to be held during February 1992 titled "Water Conservation". It has also been proposed to hold national level group discussions on improved irrigation water management and allied subjects.

गुजरात में सिंचाई परियोजनाओं का निर्माण

3530. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा गुजरात में कौन-कौन सी सिंचाई परियोजनाएं/योजनाएं/जलाशय/बांध चालू किए गए हैं तथा किन-किन परियोजनाओं पर विचार किया जा रहा है;

(ख) ऊपर उल्लिखित उन परियोजनाओं के संबंध में, जिनका कार्य आरम्भ किया जा चुका है, प्रस्तावित निर्माण कार्य का समय-बार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) उन कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके बारे में विलम्ब हो रहा है ;

(घ) उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ङ) निर्माण-कार्य में देरी के कारण लागत में कितनी वृद्धि हो जाने की संभावना है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल): (क) से (ङ) सूचना अनुपत्र में दी गई है । [**देखिए परिशिष्ट** 161, अनुपत्र संख्या 84]

रियायती दर पर खाद्यान्नों का वितरण

@3530. **श्री राघव जी:** क्या **खाद्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने लगभग चार वर्ष पूर्व एक केन्द्रीय योजना के अंतर्गत आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में रियायती दर पर खाद्यान्न वितरण के लिए 25 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल का अनुदान निर्धारित किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने उपर्युक्त अनुदान राशि (मार्जिन मनी) में वृद्धि करने का अनुरोध किया है ; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उपर्युक्त अनुरोध पर क्या कार्यवाही की है, यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई): (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों को सुझाव दिया है कि केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य में जोड़े जाने वाले

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